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PCOS IN CUTTACK
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of P.C.Os functioning in Cuttack disrict of Orissa;

(b) the number of applications lying pending for the installation of P.C.Os in the said region during the last three years and till date;

(c) the time by which all these applications are likely to be cleared;

(d) whether the PCOs operators are neither clearing their dues in time nor functioning properly; and

(e) if so, the steps taken for timely collection of dues and smooth functioning of PCOs in the said district?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Sir, 1250 PCOs are functioning in Cuttack Telecom District of Orissa.

(b) At present 128 applications are pending for installation in the said Telecom District. No application is pending for the years 1997-98,1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(c) All the pending applications are to be cleared progressively by January 2001 subject to technical feasibility and the applicants fulfilling other conditions.

(d) The PCO operators are normally clearing their dues on time and are functioning properly.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.